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SUBJECT: FY 1977-FY 1978 CASP CYCLE

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1. REFAIRS CONTAINING CASP GUIDANCE ARE NOW BEING POUCHED.

2. AS YOU KNOW FROM DISCUSSIONS DURING OUR MEETINGS WITH YOU LAST DECEMBER, THE ROLE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CASP IS NOW UNDER STUDY. SINCE THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY (WHICH IS ALSO RELATED TO THE ARA BUREAU REORGANIZATION) ARE NOT YET IN, WE THOUGHT IT PREFEREABLE THAT THE BASIC CASP CON-
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CEPT AND FORMAT REMAIN ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FOR THE FY

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1977-FY 1978 CYCLE. SOME MINOR CHANGES WILL MAKE CASP MORE CONCISE, AND HOPEFULLY MORE MEANINGFUL AND USEFUL.

3. POLICY GUIDANCE HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH NEW SECTIONS ON TRADE RELATIONS (ADDED TO TRADE PORMOTION), PRIVATE INVESTMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND LABOR. IG-AGREED COUNTRY RESOURCE LEVELS FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1977 ARE NOT YET FIRM BUT WILL BE CABLED TO YOU SHORTLY.

4. SUBMISSION OF DRAFT CASP FOR BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, TRINDIDAD ND TOBAGO, FRENCH WEST INDIES, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND SURINAM ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI, COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN MARCH, MEXICO AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKS IN MARCH. POSTS WITH THESE MISSION DATES MAY WISH TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF THEIR CASPS NOW, USING GUIDANCE FOR THE PAST CYCLE (75 STATE A-272 AND 75 STATE A-367) WHICH, WITH ABOVE EXCEPTIONS ARE GENERALLY STILL APPLICABLE.

5. I KNOW YOU AND YOUR STAFF WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THE SUBMISSION SCHEDULE. IT IS SOMEWHAT TIGHTER THIS YEAR, BUT I BELIEVE THE REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S FORMAT SHOULD FACILITATE THE PROCESS. WE WANT TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW CYCLE BY JUNE, SO THAT THE CURRENT CASP CYCLE CAN BE FINISHED UP BEFORE THE BUREAU MOVES INTO ITS SHAKE-DOWN PERIOD FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION. IT WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN HELPING US MEET THIS OBJECTIVE. INGERSOLL

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